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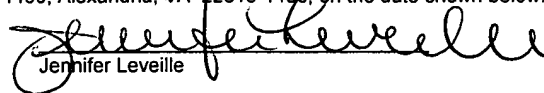
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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed with a Request for Continued Examination. The Request for Continued Examination fee of \$790.00 is included with this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The Japanese references cited on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2000/592751. The purported relevance of these references can be gleaned from the enclosed comments from the Japanese associate summarizing the contents of an official action from the Japanese Patent Office in which claims were rejected based on the references, and which include what the Japanese associate characterizes as an "English translation of the gist" of the cited references.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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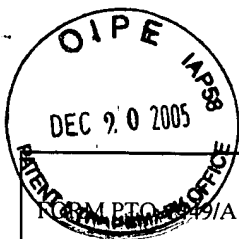
Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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